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Belgium - Ruanda-Urundi: Belgian Foreign Minister Spaak recently raised with UN Secretary General Hammarskjold the problem of maintaining order in the Ruanda-Urundi territory during the forthcoming August elections, when hostility between

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tribal factions may erupt into widespread violence. The elections are expected to set the stage for the independence of separate Ruanda and Urundi states, probably by mid-1962. Pointing out the inadequacy of the military forces stationed in the two territories--1,200 Belgian troops in addition to a partially trained native gendarmerie of some 1,300 men--Spaak proposed that either Belgium augment its troops there or the UN bring in additional forces. The foreign minister admitted that the first proposal would present "certain political drawbacks," given the present international situation, and he would wish to have recourse to it only with the consent of UN officials. [redacted] (b)(3)

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